

be given out. Each day the clue became more revealing and, to curb the number of arrests any one student could make, a false arrest fund was set up. Proceeds went to the Graduation Dance which was being held the last day of Police Week.

A box with a combination lock was placed in the mock detachment and only the "Celebrity Crook" knew the combination. As each day went on, the enthusiasm for the program grew. On the fourth day, after forty-five false arrests, our detachment received a call from the student police that the "Celebrity Crook" was handcuffed and ready to be picked up. A police car went to the school and returned the "Celebrity Crook", the student police and the arresting student to our office, where the local newspaper took pictures and the reward was given out. (The reward consisted of many items donated by our detachment and local merchants in our town.)

During this project many members of our detachment visited the school daily and noticed a more friendly relationship between the student body and

the police. We feel that this was a successful project and one which could also be used outside of Police Week for any number of other school events.

RCMP Veterans Association On September 6, 1977, a Division of the RCMP Veterans Association was formed in Newfoundland with a membership of 56.

Charter Night was held at St. John's, Nfld., on October 29. Guests at the dinner were National President Bill Wells of the Toronto Division, Supt. R. C. Richards ("B" Division CIB Officer) and Chief of Police John Browne, Newfoundland Constabulary.

Christmas Party On December 23, 1977, members and public servants of "B" Division Headquarters gathered at the Senior NCO's and Officers Mess for their annual Christmas Party. Everyone appeared to have a festive time, though they did miss their annual hostess, Mrs. Mena Ryan, who has organized the Christmas party for the last eighteen years and was home this year with the flu.

C Division

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La fin d'une époque Le 27 octobre 1977 marqua le départ du dernier sergent-major d'état-major de la Division «C», alors que le commissaire-adjoint Raymond Duchesneau remit la chope traditionnelle et le Certificat de service au s.-m.é.-m. Rolland Turcotte.

Rollie, ayant servi dans les divisions «C» et «D», passa la grande majorité de ses presque vingt-huit années de service à la Section de l'Identité judiciaire. Il y a un peu plus de dix ans, on a dû faire une entorse aux règlements afin de nommer le gendarme Turcotte responsable du Service de l'Identité judiciaire, un poste de sergent.

Dès lors, Rollie s'acharna au développement de sa section. Il insista sur le fait de fournir le meilleur service possible aux sections opérationnelles et détachements. Lentement mais progressivement, par son dynamisme et sa persévérance, il augmenta son personnel, s'entourant d'experts et de personnes dévouées, et meubla sa section du meilleur équipement disponible. Il atteignit son but il y a environ deux ans. Aujourd'hui, la Section de l'Identité judiciaire fournit un service professionnel sans pareil, fait l'envie des autres divisions et demeure un hommage aux efforts persistants du s.-m.é.-m. Turcotte.

Son approche directe, droit au but et sans baliverne, ne fut pas toujours appréciée par tous les membres et employés. Quelques-uns, quelquefois, ont pu se sentir vexés. Cependant, Rollie était toujours disponible, absolument fiable et soucieux de fournir les services demandés. Et quel que fut le service, à quelques exceptions près, la Section de l'Identité était en mesure d'y répondre efficacement.

Alors qu'une foule quasi record se rassembla au Mess des sous-officiers supérieurs pour faire ses adieux au s.-m.é.-m. Turcotte, celui-ci, peut-être pour la première fois de sa vie, comprit qu'il avait beaucoup d'amis et qu'il avait joui, sans s'en rendre compte, d'une grande popularité au sein de la Division «C». Sa deuxième carrière, à titre de gérant général (Québec) d'une firme se spécialisant dans l'équipement sécuritaire, semble prometteuse. Nous lui souhaitons tout le succès possible.

End of an Era October 27, 1977, marked the departure of «C» Division's last Staff Sergeant Major, as A/Commr. Raymond Duchesneau presented the traditional mug and Certificate of Service to S/S/M Rolland Turcotte.

Rollie, who served in «C» and «D» divisions, spent the greatest part of his near twenty-eight years of service with Ident. Section. Over a decade ago rules had to be bent to allow Cst. Turcotte to take charge of the «C» Div. Ident. Section, a sergeant's position.

From then on, Rollie set about to build his section, with emphasis placed on providing the best possible service to operational sections and detachments. Slowly but steadily, through his aggressiveness and perseverance, he increased his establishment, surrounding himself with experts and dedicated people, and furnished the section with top notch equipment. Two years ago, he achieved his goal. Today, the «C» Div. Ident. Section is second to none, the envy of other divisions and a tribute to S/S/M Turcotte's persistent efforts.